

Canine Bulletin

Nebraska Task Force - 1

November 2003

Welcome to New Handler

Submitted by: Monica Barger

Jim McConnell and his new K9 partner Abby. Abby is a 17 month old female Malinois and has been training for US&R with the CO task force. She was transferred to Jim the first part of October. We look forward to meeting Abby and helping Jim and Abby reach their certification. Special thanks to Jim for his patience during our search for a K9 for him and for his ongoing help and support in training our current K9 teams! Welcome Jim



Incoming K9's Needing an Assessment

Submitted by: Monica Barger

I will be scheduling an incoming K9 assessment in November. When I have a location confirmed, I will set a date and let everyone know.

Congratulations Team Members

Mike Agnew and Kenya passed type II certification in July. And then in October Mike met all of the prerequisites for Type I Evaluator (STM).

In October, Monica and Zima re-certified as Type I.

Also in October, Ditto and Elaine were presented with a plaque for Ditto and all of her years of service. Thanks for all the hard work Ditto!



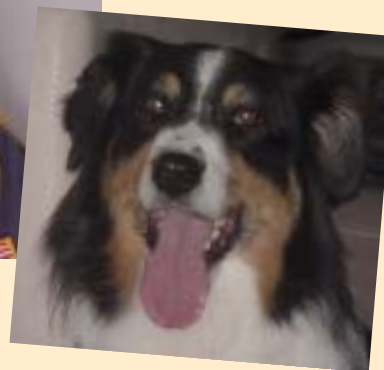
Rick Klein, Bruce Sellon, Elaine Sawtell, Dean Staberg, John Huff, and Ditto



Mike Agnew and K9 Kenya



Monica Barger and K9 Zima



The Pups Do Lincoln



Kachi finds Monica Barger in the barrel



Kiera finds Monica Barger still in the barrel



Kachi gives Monica Barger a BIG puppy kiss while Elaine Sawtell looks on



Kiera showing Deborah Goodman the way



Kachi and Elaine Sawtell traverse the dreaded pallets!



Kiera hiding her toy from Deborah Goodman



Deborah Goodman and Kiera



Elaine Sawtell and Kachi

Scurlock Industries

Submitted by: Elaine Sawtell



Elaine Sawtell and K9 Ditto, Andrew Pitcher and K9 Andy, Marti Mullen and K9 Dee, Deborah Goodman and Puppy Kiera. Also pictured is K9 OneSoc. All are handlers or potential handlers with Nebraska Task Force 1.



Deborah Goodman and puppy Kiera doing air scenting problems.



Elaine Sawtell and puppy Kachi, doing air scenting problems. There was a victim in the black concrete structure.



Dee, an Austrian Shepherd, from Cedar Rapids, IA.

Email Address Change

Submitted by: Julie (Marget) McGahan

I will spare you all the mushy details but on August 9, 2003 my fiancé, Chris McGahan, and I exchanged wedding vows. Therefore you all need to update your address books! My name is now Julie McGahan and my email is now: jmcgahan@ci.lincoln.ne.us.



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Dogs in Our Lives

Submitted by: Elaine Sawtell

Written by: Paul Fersen

We aren't house-proud. If we were, we wouldn't abide the scratches on the door frame, the holes in the screen, the darkened shine of worn spots on the chair. We would wince at the mottled carpet and fret at the hair clinging to our clothes.

We don't. If anything, we lovers of dogs are a tolerant lot, finding greater value in the unabashed affection of our friends than in immaculate sofas. Shoes can be replaced, but heroic dogs are timeless.

Without dogs, our houses are cold receptacles for things. Dogs make a fire warmer with their curled presence. They wake us, greet us, protect us, and ultimately carve a place in our hearts and our history. On reflection, our lives are often referenced in parts defined by the all-too-short lives of our dogs.



Elaine's Dogs: K9 Chip, 9 years, deployed to Kansas 1998; K9 Kelly, 14 years, deployed to Kansas 1998, K9 Ditto



"Ah, the perks of retirement!"

Now, let's see, who sent me this? Oh! Sandy Yost!

Thank you!